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DATE: August 23, 2007 Drug Court Letter No. 07-05

TO: County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators

SUBJECT: Additional Funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 for
Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation (CDCI) Program

Your county is one of the five counties that do not currently have a state funded adult felony drug court. Applying for this funding would allow your county to have a full range of services for your criminal justice clients. This letter is to determine your county's interest in receiving funding under the Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation (CDCI) Program for adult felony drug courts. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 State Budget includes an additional \$4.5 million for the CDCI program which is available to counties to implement an adult felon drug court program and provide services not currently available to your adult drug offenders.

Drug courts have proven successful in placing individuals in programs designed to eliminate drug abuse and dependency, reducing recidivism, saving California taxpayers money, and improving the overall efficiency of the court system. The Office of Criminal Justice Collaboration (OCJC) would be happy to come visit your county and speak with your potential drug court team members to provide information and answer any questions your county may have in order to apply for these funds and establish an adult felon drug court.

These funds are intended for starting new adult felon drug courts, enhancing services for existing adult felon drug courts, and/or increasing the number of participants admitted to adult felony drug courts. Funds must be used exclusively for convicted felons on formal probation. The intended outcome of the funding is to maintain and increase savings in state prison costs.

Counties interested in receiving these funds must submit a Letter of Intent, Attachment A, to the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs Office of Criminal Justice Collaboration (OCJC) by September 21, 2007. The approximate amount of additional funds each county would receive if all 58 counties accepted the funds is shown in Attachment B, Augmentation FY 2007-08. There may be more funding available if not all 58 counties intend to apply. Counties that have not expended their prior year funding or their current year funding may not be eligible to receive additional funding. Counties should not apply for funds unless they can spend the amount allocated within a 12- month period. OCJC requests that counties accepting any CDCI funds commit to sending a county representative to the quarterly drug court coordinators meetings. These meetings provide a forum for the counties and state to share drug court program and funding information. The meetings alternate between northern and southern California.



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The county's letter of intent must be signed by both the county alcohol and drug program administrator and the presiding judge. If the county does not intend to request the additional funds, OCJC requests a courtesy response in order to ensure the county received notification of the augmentation and its intent to not accept the additional funds.

Before submitting your letter of intent, new counties should review the CDCI Terms and Conditions, see Attachment C and the Ten Key Components of Drug Courts, see Attachment D. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Mary Skorka at (916) 323-7230.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Director

Office of Criminal Justice Collaboration

Attachments:

Attachment A: [Letter of Intent Form](#)

Attachment B: [CDCI Augmentation FY 2007-08](#)

Attachment C: [CDCI Program Terms and Conditions](#)

Attachment D: [Defining Drug Courts: Ten Key Components](#)